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Held and begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 10th Day of *May* 1744, and concluded the 21st Day of the said Month and Year.

I.

The King's Commission to Alexander *Earl of* Leven *produced, and ordered to be recorded.*

At Edinburgh, *the* 10th *Day of* May 1744, *Sess.* 1.

THE General Assembly of this National Church being conveened and constituted, there was produced to them by the Right Honourable *Alexander* Earl of *Leven*, his Majesty's Commission, seal'd with the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting him his Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in this Assembly, of the same Tenor with the Commission granted to his Lordship last Year, and the Years 1741 1742 and 1743, which Commission was publickly read, with all due Honour and Respect, and appointed to be recorded in the Books of this Assembly.

II.

The King's Moſt Gracious Letter to the General Aſſembly, preſented to them by his Majeſty's Commiſſioner.

Edinburgh, May 10*th* 1744, *Seſſ.* 1.

GEORGE R.

RIGHT Reverend and Well-beloved, We Greet you well. The dutiful Behaviour of your former Aſſemblies, and the many Proofs we have had of your ſteady Zeal and Affection for Our Perſon and Government, leave Us no Room to doubt, but that you will continue in the ſame good Diſpoſitions, in this your preſent Meeting; which We therefore moſt willingly Approve and Countenance with Our Royal Authority.

The great and deſireable Ends, for which you are now aſſembled, being chiefly to conſider of the beſt Means of promoting true Religion and Virtue, preventing the Growth of Popery, and ſuppreſſing Vice and Immorality, you may depend upon Our Concurrence, in whatever may conduce thereto: And We take this Occaſion to renew the Aſſurances We have often given you, of Our unalterable Reſolution, to maintain inviolable, the Rights and Privileges of the Church of *Scotland*, as by Law eſtabliſhed.

As you muſt be ſenſible of the great Importance of Unanimity among yourſelves, to the Succeſs of your Councils and Reſolutions, and that nothing can more effectually contribute to the attaining of every good End propoſed, We are fully perſuaded, your Debates will be conducted with all the Moderation, Brotherly Love and Charity, which become ſo Venerable an Aſſembly.

The Experience We have had, of the Integrity and Abilities, of Our Right Truſty and entirely Beloved Couſin, *Alexander* Earl of *Leven*, and Our Knowledge of his Affection and Concern for the Church of *Scotland*, which We doubt not, will render him acceptable to you, have induced Us to renew Our Choice of him, to repreſent Our Royal Perſon: And as We entirely rely on his Capacity and Application, in the Diſcharge of ſo great a Truſt, We have the ſame Dependance, that you will, on your Part, give him all the Aſſiſtance in your Power, towards the bringing of this

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your Meeting to a happy Concluſion; and ſo We bid you heartily farewell. Given at Our Court of *St. James's* the Twentieth Day of *April* 1744, and in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign.

By his Majeſty's Command,

TWEEDDALE.

Directed thus,
To the Right Reverend and Well-beloved, the Moderator, Miniſters and Elders of the General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

III.

The General Aſſembly's Anſwer to the King's moſt Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, May 12th, 1744, *Seſſ.* 3.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

WE cannot but with Hearts full of Joy and Gratitude expreſs the great Senſe we have, of the Honour your Majeſty has been pleaſed to confer on us, by your moſt Gracious Letter, and our Happineſs in the Continuance of Your Royal Approbation and Countenance to Our Aſſemblies.

When your Majeſty beſtows theſe repeated Favours, as the Reward of our dutiful Behaviour in former Aſſemblies, and ſteady Zeal and Affection for your Perſon and Government, we muſt take it as a ſtrong Excitement, to Perſeverance in our Duty, and inviolable Attachment to the happy Eſtabliſhment of the *Britiſh* Crown, in your Majeſty's Illuſtrious Houſe, our great Security, under God, of all our Intereſts, Sacred and Civil.

As we can have no Ends more becoming our Character as Miniſters of CHRIST, and the Deſign of our Aſſemblies, than to conſider the beſt Means for promoting true Religion and Vertue, for preventing the Deſtruction of both, in the Growth of Popery; and for ſuppreſſing Vice and Immorality, Your Majeſty's Concurrence muſt contribute greatly to our Encouragement and Succeſs in theſe noble Aims.

The renewed Aſſurances, we have in Your Majeſty's Declarations, and ſteady Conduct towards us agreeable thereto, of your unalterable Reſolution to maintain inviolable the Rights and Privileges of the Church of *Scotland*, as by Law eſtabliſhed, muſt ſtill enliven the deep Senſe of our Happineſs, under your Majeſty's auſpicious Reign, and add Weight and Dignity to all our Proceedings.

To this great Purpoſe, nothing can contribute ſo much on our Part, as Unanimity among our ſelves, and conducting our Affairs with that Moderation, Brotherly Love, and Charity, which become the Servants of JESUS, and our dutiful Regard to what Your Majeſty in Your great Goodneſs ſo juſtly enjoins.

We hope theſe Conſiderations, ſhall have ſuch Influence in this Aſſembly as to confirm the favourable Sentiments, Your Majeſty does us the Honour to entertain of our former Meetings, and recommends us farther to your Royal Protection,

Your Majeſty's renewed Choice of the Earl of *Leven*, to repreſent Your Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly, is a convincing Proof, of a Hearty Inclination, to give us Your Royal Countenance in the moſt acceptable Manner; his Integrity and Abilities, his firm Zeal for your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, his diſtinguiſh'd and inviolable Attachment to the Intereſts of true Religion, and affectionate Concern for the Church of *Scotland*, are well known to us, and are a clear Evidence of the Wiſdom and Goodneſs of your Majeſty's Choice.

It ſhall be our Care, under Divine Conduct, ſo to act our Part in this Aſſembly, as we may hope Your Majeſty's Commiſſioner ſhall have the Pleaſure of Reporting our Behaviour in ſuch Manner, as ſhall repreſent us not unworthy of Your Royal Favour.

We do moſt thankfully acknowledge Your Majeſty's Goodneſs in renewing Your Royal Bounty of 1000 *l.* for maintaining Preachers and Catechiſts, to be employed in the remote and wide Pariſhes of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands* of this Country, and to counteract the Popiſh Emiſſaries in theſe Parts; We can take upon us to aſſure Your Majeſty, that this Bounty has hitherto been faithfully employed, and has been very uſeful in attaining the good Ends for which it was deſigned. And it ſhall be our Care, to be no leſs diligent and faithful than former Aſſemblies in diſcharging the like Truſt committed to them, by Your Majeſty or your Royal Father.

We humbly beg Leave to take this Opportunity, to offer our moſt humble and thankful Acknowledgments to Your Majeſty, for a late and ſignal Inſtance of your Royal Goodneſs and

Favour

Favour towards us, in the gracious Countenance your Majesty was pleased to give to the last Assembly's Scheme, for Provision to the Widows and Orphans of the Ministers of this Church. This, we are confident, will contribute, amongst many other Instances of Your Majesty's Goodness, to procure You the Blessings of the present Age, and the most grateful Remembrance of Posterity. This signal Benefit, we would have reckoned our Duty to acknowledge, in a particular Address of Thanks to your Majesty for that Purpose, were it not that the present Situation of publick Affairs at Home and Abroad, calls upon us to offer an humble Address to your Majesty, on Subjects of much higher Importance, and which we have far more at Heart, than any private Interests of ourselves or our Families.

That GOD may eminently bless your Majesty, and long preserve you for the Happiness of these Nations; that he may make your Reign still prosperous, direct your Councils, and give Success to your Arms, for vindicating the Rights of Your Crown, and injured Subjects, and repelling the unjust Attempts of your perfidious Enemies, for restoring the Peace, and preserving the Liberties of *Europe*; That he may graciously bless the Prince and Princess of *Wales*, the Duke, the Princesses, the Issue of the Prince and Princess of *Wales*, and all the Branches of your Royal Family; and that, after a long and happy Reign, over a Great and Free People, your Majesty may inherit an immortal Crown, are the sincere and hearty Prayers of,

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

EDINBURGH, 12th May, 1744. } *The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of* Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

JOHN ADAM'S *Moderator.*

IV.

ACT appointing Presbyteries to keep ſeparate Records, for inſerting Particulars relating to the Scheme for a Proviſion for Miniſters Widows, &c.

Edinburgh, May 17th, 1744, Seſſ. 7.

THE General Aſſembly conſidering, That by an Act of Parliament, paſt in the 17th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty King *George* the II. intitled, *An Act for raiſing and eſtabliſhing a Fund, for a Proviſion for the Widows and Children of Miniſters of the Church of* Scotland, *and of the Heads, Principals and Maſters of the Univerſities of St.* Andrews, Glaſgow *and* Edinburgh. It is, among other Things, provided, "That Presbyteries ſhall, from time to time, make up certain Liſts therein ſpecified; as alſo, all other Liſts that ſhall be found neceſſary by the Truſtees; which Liſts are to be "atteſted by the Moderator and Clerk of every Presbytery, and tranſmitted to the Truſtees Clerk reſiding at *Edinburgh*, under a certain Penalty therein mentioned:" Therefore, that the ſaid Act of Parliament may be executed in the moſt eaſy and effectual Manner, the General Aſſembly did, and hereby do, appoint and ordain every Presbytery to keep a ſeparate Regiſter, wherein they ſhall record the Names and the Pariſh-churches of all the Miniſters, now Members of their reſpective Presbyteries, with a particular Account, if ſuch Miniſters be married, with the Dates of their preſent and future Marriages; and ſhall alſo therein record the Dates of their firſt Ordination or Admiſſion to a Benefice in the Church of *Scotland*, the Names of all their preſent Children, the Day, Month and Year, of the Birth of ſuch of them as are under the Age of Sixteen, the Names and Dates of the Birth of ſuch of their Children, as ſhall hereafter be born; and likeways the Time of their preſent or future Childrens Death, as the ſame ſhall happen.

Further, The General Aſſembly hereby enjoin and ordain every Presbytery to record the Names and Pariſh-churches of the ſeveral Miniſters, who ſhall hereafter be admitted to a Benefice within their Bounds, with the particular Dates of their reſpective Admiſſions; and an Account if ſuch Miniſters be married, with the Dates of their then Marriages, or ſuch of them as ſhall happen after their Admiſſions, and ſhall alſo record the ſeveral Facts relating to their Children in like Manner, as above appointed, with reſpect to Miniſters, now Members of the Church.

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The Assembly likeways hereby enjoin and ordain Presbyteries to record the Time of the Deaths of Ministers, as the same shall happen, with the Names of their respective Widows, and also the Dates of the Marriages or Deaths of Ministers Widows, residing at the Time of their Death, or Marriage within their Bounds; as also the Dates of the several Vacancies that were vacant on the 25th of *March* last, or which have since happened, or shall happen hereafter within their Bounds, with the Causes of the Vacancies: And, in general, the Assembly hereby ordain Presbyteries to record, from Time to Time, all other Things that shall be found necessary by the Trustees, for the more easy Execution of the said Act: And they also ordain and appoint all the Ministers now intitled, or who shall be hereafter admitted to a Benefice in the Church of *Scotland*, to lodge, from time to time, in the Hands of the Clerk of their respective Presbyteries, a particular Condescendence of the Facts relating to their respective Cases, as the same shall happen: All which Facts are hereby appointed and ordained to be entered distinctly by Presbytery Clerks in the said separate Register, under proper Columns, and regularly signed by Moderators and Clerks, and by the Ministers respectively concerned, from which the Presbyteries may annually make up the Lists necessary for each Year, and transmit the same duly attested to the Trustees, as directed in the said Act of Parliament.

V.

ACT and Overture about Licensing Probationers.

Edinburgh, May 19th, 1744, *Sess.* 11.

THE General Assembly do continue the Act and Overture about licensing Probationers, last Year transmitted to Presbyteries, as an *interim* Act for another Year, and do enjoin Presbyteries to send up their Opinion upon it to the next General Assembly, with Certification, that their failing to do it shall be held and understood as an Approbation of the whole as transmitted last Year and the Year preceeding.

VI.

ACT about electing of Members to the General Assemblies, and attesting their Commissions.

Edinburgh, May 19*th* 1744, *Sess.* 11.

THE General Assembly considering that they have at this Time set aside several Commissions by Presbyteries and Burghs to their Representatives in the Assembly, as not being in Terms of the Acts of Assembly, do hereby recommend to, and enjoin Presbyteries in Time coming to take Care that all Commissions be in due Form, according to the Acts of Assembly; and in order to this, that they be at all due Pains, to get themselves informed, that the Elders sent up by them to the Assembly, or attested by them, as sent up by Burghs, be qualified in these Terms: And the Assembly do recommend to Sessions, to take all proper Care, to ordain only such to be Elders, as they know to be thus qualified.

VII.

Act and Recommendation, against the sinful Practice of smuggling of Goods.

Edinburgh, 19*th May*, 1744. *Sess.* 11.

THE General Assembly Recommend it to all the Ministers of this Church, *&c.* to discourage, so far as in them lyes, by their Discourses and Example, the sinful and pernicious Practice of Smuggling; and do appoint, that the 9th Act of Assembly 1719, and 15th Act of Assembly 1736, be re-printed; and forthwith transmitted to Presbyteries and Ministers; and ordain, that the same be read from the Pulpits of all the Parish Churches within *Scotland*, betwixt and the First of *August* next.

VIII.

An Address to his Majesty, upon Occasion of the present critical Juncture of Affairs.

Edinburgh, May 21st, 1744.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of *Scotland*, met in our national Assembly, take this first Oportunity of concurring with your Majesty's other faithful Subjects, in testifying our Abhorrence, of the late intended Invasion of your Majesty's Kingdoms, in Favour of a Popish Pretender, supported by a *French* Power.

As the Church of *Scotland*, ever since the Settlement of the *British* Crown in your Majesty's illustrious House, have considered all their Interests, sacred and civil, as inseparably connected with that happy Establishment; we should of all others, be most unworthy of our invaluable Privileges, if, on this Occasion, we did not express the warmest Resentment, of such an audacious Attempt.

Great Sir,

We reflect with particular Pleasure, that the Ministers and Members of this Church, have always distinguished themselves, by their firm and zealous Adherence to the Protestant Succession, in your Majesty's Royal Family; and we can assure your Majesty, that no less sensible of our present happy Situation, influenced by the same loyal Principles, and equally concerned for the Security of the reformed Religion, we shall steadily pursue the laudable Example our Predecessors have set us, and hope to shew, even in Times of the greatest Danger, that we count Nothing too dear, in support of your Majesty's auspicious Government, the great Bulwark, under GOD, of our Religion, Laws and Liberties.

That our Gracious GOD, by whom Kings reign, may continue to direct your Majesty's Councils, and give Success to your Arms, may dispose all the Friends of Liberty, and the Protestant Religion, to imitate your great Example, in Defence of the common Cause: That the same kind Providence, which has hitherto protected your Majesty's Person and Government, in the most remarkable Manner, may

make your Reign long and prosperous; may entail the Happiness of it, upon these Kingdoms, to latest Posterity, in your august House; and that after a long and happy Reign on Earth, over a brave, a free and loyal People, you may inherit immortal Glory, is, and shall be, the fervent Prayers of,

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Sign'd in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

JOHN ADAMS *Moderator.*

IX.

Act concerning Mr. William Leechman, *Professor of Divinity in the College of* Glasgow.

Edinburgh, 21st May 1744.

THE General Assembly having called for the Report of the Committee, named to consider the Case about Professor *Leechman*, and caused to be read, the Remarks of the Committee of the Presbytery of *Glasgow*, upon the Passages in the Professor's Sermon, excepted against by them, with his Answers thereto; there was also read, a Paper given in by the said Professor, to the said Committee of the Assembly, explaining himself further, on the Occasion of the said Sermon, and on the Subject of a Passage thereof, taken notice of by the said Committee of which Paper the Tenor follows, *viz.* "One "main Occasion of publishing this Sermon on Prayer, was "to prevent the bad Effects of a late Pamphlet, which re- "presents Prayer, as an absurd and unreasonable, nay, as "an impious and blasphemous Practice. For, that wick- "ed Pamphlet, being spread in the Part of the Country "where I live; and having had observable bad Influence, "upon young and unthinking Minds, I was persuaded by some

" ſome Friends, who are zealous for the Intereſts of Reli-
" gion, to publiſh this Sermon (which they had occaſion-
" ally heard me preach) as a proper Antidote to the Poi-
" ſon of it. As the Pamphlet, which occaſioned the Publi-
" cation of this Sermon, did attack only one Part of Pray-
" er, *viz.* offering up our Deſires to GOD; but did not
" attack the other Part of it, *viz.* the offering them up
" in the Name of Chriſt; the Diſcourſe is therefore main-
" ly limited, to the Explication and the Vindication of this
" firſt Part of Prayer, without explaining and vindicating
" the ſecond Part of it; which I conſidered as a ſeparate
" Subject, or at leaſt, a different Branch of the ſame Sub-
" ject; ſo that the Omiſſions complained of in that Perfor-
" mance, did not proceed from any Diſregard, of theſe im-
" portant and fundamental Doctrines of Chriſtianity, the
" offering up our Deſires to GOD, in the Name of Chriſt,
" and the Merits and Satisfaction of the Mediator, as the
" only Grounds of our Acceptance with GOD, and of our
" obtaining the Pardon of Sin; but from a Perſuaſion,
" that it is neceſſary to convince Men of the Reaſonable-
" neſs of offering up their Deſires to GOD, before you can
" convince them, that it is a reaſonable Thing, to offer
" them up in the Name of Chriſt; and from a Perſuaſion,
" that it might be of ſome Uſe, (thro' the divine Bleſſing)
" to endeavour to do the firſt of theſe, at the Time when,
" and in the Place of the Country where I attempted it.

" If therefore any Paſſages of this Sermon, have been ſo
" uncautiouſly expreſt, as naturally to lead any to think,
" (which I am not yet convinced they are) that I meant to
" aſſert, That the Neceſſity of the Chriſtian Religion itſelf,
" is ſuperſeded by the Light of Nature; or that the Light
" of Nature is ſufficient, to give that Knowledge of GOD
" and of his Will, which is neceſſary to Salvation. That
" praying in the Name of Chriſt, is not the Duty of Chriſ-
" tians, or a foreign and ſuperfluous Circumſtance; or that the
" Merits and Propitiation of JESUS CHRIST, are
" not the only Grounds of a Sinner's Acceptance with GOD,
" and of his obtaining the Forgiveneſs of Sin; and that
" the only End of Puniſhment, is the Reformation of the
" Offender: I honeſtly declare, I had no ſuch Intention in
" thoſe Paſſages; and that this is really ſo, may be further
" confirmed from this certain Fact, That this Sermon,
" which is now printed, was only one Sermon enlarged
" out of eight or nine, delivered from the ſame Text, at
" the ſame Time this Sermon was firſt preached, when I
" ſpoke at conſiderable Length, on the Doctrine of the In-
" terceſſion of JESUS CHRIST: Beſides, it is well
" known to the Presbytery of *Irvine*, that I preached re-
" gular Courſes of Sermons, on the particular Doctrines of
Chriſtianity,

" Chriſtianity, in my own Congregation, as well as I fre-
" quently preached abroad on the ſame Subjects, as Oc-
" caſion offered: And as I have already ſubſcribed the Con-
" feſſion of Faith, where theſe Doctrines are taught in the
" ſtrongeſt Manner, as the Confeſſion of my Faith, I am ſtill
" willing to do the ſame again, *ſubſcribitur WIL. LEECH-*
" *MAN.*" The above Paper being read over, Parties were fully heard, and removed: Then the Aſſembly cauſed to be read the Report and Overture of their Committee, the Tenor whereof follows, *viz.* That from the Importance of this Caſe, and the Steps taken by the Presbytery of *Glaſgow*; the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*, had ſufficient Reaſons, to take into their own Hands, the Cognizance of the Enquiry touching the Sermon.

That the Judgment paſt by the Synod, notwithſtanding that no Appeal was taken againſt it, does not make it a *res judicata*, or preclude this Aſſembly from deliberating, whether the Sermon affords a juſt Occaſion for Trial or Cenſure againſt the Profeſſor, in Reſpect that there was no Libel againſt, or formal Trial of the Profeſſor; but a preliminary Enquiry, in order to ſuch Trial; in caſe ſufficient Cauſe ſhould be found for it.

That the Committee having conſidered the Sermon, and particularly the Paſſages thereof, chiefly excepted againſt; and having read and conſidered the Remarks of the Preſbytery of *Glaſgow*, and the Profeſſor's Anſwers to the ſame; and having heard the Parties, and received and conſidered a Paper, voluntarily offered by the Profeſſor, explaining himſelf farther on the Occaſion of the Sermon, and on the Subject of the Paſſages excepted to; and again called the Parties, and read that Declaration in their Preſence, and heard the Members of the Presbytery of *Glaſgow* thereupon, are of Opinion, That the Profeſſor has given abundant Satisfaction concerning the Orthodoxy of his Sentiments; and that there is no Ground or Occaſion remaining, for any further Trial of the ſaid Profeſſor, in Reſpect of that Sermon; and that the Presbytery of *Glaſgow* be prohibited to commence, or carry on any farther or other Proceedings, againſt the Profeſſor, on Account of that Sermon.

The General Aſſembly having heard the ſaid Report and Overture, did without a Vote agree to approve thereof, with this Explanation, That by the Expreſſions in the Narrative, *viz.* " And particularly the Paſſages chiefly excepted againſt" no more was intended by the Committee, (as by ſeveral Members thereof was declared) nor is intended or meant by this Aſſembly, in approving their Overture above inſerted, than that the Committee, and thereafter the Aſſembly, conſidered the Paſſages in the ſaid Sermon, that had been remarked upon by the Presbytery of *Glaſgow*; and another

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Passage taken Notice of by some Members of the Committee of Assembly; but not that either the Committee or the Assembly had read over or considered the whole of that Sermon: And Parties being called, the Premises were intimated to them; whereupon Professor *Leechman* took Instruments; and the Members from the Presbytery of *Glasgow*, Appellants, declared their Acquiescence in the said Sentence.

X.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for Reformation *of the* Highlands *and* Islands, *and for managing His Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.*

Edinburgh, May 21st, 1744, *post meridiem*, *Sess.* 13.

THE General Assembly do hereby nominate, commissionate and appoint the Reverend Mr. *John Adams*, Minister of the Gospel at *Dalrymple*, their Moderator, Mr. *Neil Campbel* Principal of the College at Glasgow, Mr. *James Hadow* Principal of the new College at St. *Andrews*, Mr. *Thomas Tullideph* Principal of St. *Leonard's* College there, Mr. *George Chalmers* Principal of the King's College at *Aberdeen*, Mr. *John Lumisden* Professor of Divinity there, Mr. *John Osburn* Principal of the Marishal College there, Mr. *Andrew Shaw* Professor of Divinity in the University of St. *Andrews*, Mr. *John Gowdie*, Professor of Divinity in the University of *Edinburgh*, Masters *John Thurburn* at *Kirknewton*, *Neil MacVicar* at *West-Kirk*, his Majesty's Almoner, *James Walker* at *Canongate*, *James Nisbet* at *Edinburgh*, *John Guthrie* at *Ratho*, *William Gusthart* at *Edinburgh*, *John Mathison* there, *George Logan* there, *James Bannatine* there, *George Fordice* at *Corstorphin*, *William Robertson* at *Edinburgh*, *Robert Kinloch* there, *John Hepburn* there, *John Glen* there, *Thomas Pitcairnes* at *West-Kirk*, *Patrick Cuming* at *Edinburgh*, *James Stevenson* at *South-Leith*, *William Wishart* Principal of the College of *Edinburgh*, *George Lindsay* at *North-Leith*, *George Wishart* at *Edinburgh*, *Robert Hamilton* there, *William Aitken* at *South-Leith*, *George Gibson* at *Collingtoun*, *A-*

lexander Webſter at *Edinburgh*, *Gilbert Hamilton* at *Cramond*, *James Glaſgow* in the Caſtle of *Edinburgh*, *David Moubray* at *Currie*, *John Jardine* at *Libertoun*, *Hugh Blair* at *Canongate*, *Robert Pollock* at *Dudingſton*, *George Shepherd* at *Tarland*, *Theodore Gordon* at *Kinnethmont*, *Alexander Simpſon* at *Monimusk*, *Alexander Steuart* at *Grange*, *James Wilſon* at *Gamrie*, *William Colly* at *Kinnedar*, *William Grant* at *Abernethy*, *John Squyre* at *Forreſs*, *Alexander Roſe* at *Nairn*, *Alexander MacBean* at *Inverneſs*, *Thomas Inglis* at *Culicudden*, *Gilbert Robertſon* at *Kincardine*, *John Porteous* at *Kilmuir-Eaſter*, *Colin MacKenzie* at *Fotherty*, *Adam Roſe* at *Dingwal*, *John Stewart* at *Kilmanivaig*, *William Scobie* at *Aſſint*, *Walter Roſs* at *Tongue*, *James Ferme* at *Wick*, *James Naſmith* at *Dalmeny*, *David Bleniſhall* at *Lamington*, *Alexander Robertſon* at *Eddleſtoun*, *James Paton* at *Caringtoun*, *Patrick Simpſon* at *Fala*, *Mathew Simpſon* at *Pencaitland*, *John Cuming* at *Humbie*, *Edward Steedman* at *Haddington*, *George Hume at Whittingham*, *Robert Monteith at Longformacus*, *Robert Waugh* at *Hutton*, *Andrew Chatto* at *Marbottle*, *Robert Bell* at *Crealling*, *James Lindſay* at *Lauder*, *Henry Erſkine* at *Robertoun*, *James Hunter* at *Dornick*, *Alexander Meikle* at *Langholm*, *John Nimmo* at *Johnſton*, *Thomas Wilſon* at *Tinrom*, *John Scot* at *Dumfries*, *Andrew Boyd* at *Twynholm*, *Edward Bond* at *Wigtoun*, *Andrew Dalziel* at *Stonykirk*, *John Hunter* at *Ayr*, *John Steil* at *Old-Cumnock*, *Laurence Hill* at *Kilmarnock*, *Patrick Maxwel* at *Inchinan*, *John Pinkerton* at *Dalziel*, *Patrick Scot* at *Carnwath*, *James Robe* at *Kilſyth*, *John Edmonſton* at *Cardroſs*, *John MacVicar* at *Ilay*, *James Steuart* at *Arran*, *Adam Ferguſſon* at *Mouline*, *John Douglas* at *Kenmore*, *Alexander Mair* at *Forteviot*, *David Black* at *Perth*, *Daniel MacQueen* at *Stirling*, *Andrew Ramſay* at *Maderty*, *James Thomſon* at *Dumfermline*, *Robert Spears* at *Burntiſland*, *George Gilleſpie* at *Strathmiglo*, *David Thomſon* at *Airley*, *John Young* at *Inverarity*, *James Muiriſon* at *Kinnell*, *James Weimyſs* at *Fern*, *David Burn* at *Fettereſſo*, *Alexander Gordon* at *Kintore*, *Alexander Murray* at *Birnay*, *Walter Syme* at *Mortlith*, and *Donald Fraſer* at *Kilearnan*, Miniſters: *His Grace the Duke of* Argyle, *His Grace the Duke of* Athol, *the Moſt Honourable the Marquis of* Lothian, the Right Hon. the Earl of *Leven*, *Francis* Lord *Napier*, Lord *Cardroſs*, *Duncan Forbes* of *Culloden*, Eſq; Lord Preſident of the Seſſion, Lord *Drummore*, Lord *Monzie*, Lord *Elchies*, Lord *Murkle*, Lord *Arniſtoun*, *Robert Craigie* of *Glendoig*. Eſq; his Majeſty's Advocate, Mr. *Charles Erskine* of *Tinwald*, *Robert Dundas* younger of *Arniſton*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Sollicitor, *John Couts*, Eſq; Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, *George Langlands* Deacon Conveener of the

the Trades, *Archibald Mac Aulay*, Esq; Lord Conservator of the *Scots* Priviledges at *Campvere*, *Lauchlan Grant* Writer in *Edinburgh*, *Charles Campbel* of *Lochland*, *Albert Munro* of *Coul*, Mr. *George MacKay* Advocate, Conveener *Alexander Nisbet*, Mr. *George Brown* of *Colstoun*, Mr. *Thomas Hamilton* Advocate, *George Buchan* of *Kello*, Mr. *Andrew Pringle* younger of *Haining*, Doctor *Alexander Martin* of *Little Airies*, Mr. *Patrick Boyle* of *Shewaltoun*, Advocate, Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Major *John Roberton* of *Earnock*, Mr. *Archibald Campbel* Writer to the Signet, Captain *John Campbel* of *Limefield*, Mr. *Thomas Dundas* of *Fingask*, late Baillie of *Edinburgh*, *John Paton* Bookseller in *Edinburgh*. Mr. *James Davidson* of *Halltree*, and *Robert MacIntosh* Agent for the Church, Ruling-Elders, to be a Committee of this Assembly, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands* of *Scotland*, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing of Popery and Profanity, and for managing the Royal Bounty given for these Ends, according to, and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant to this Assembly, and the Ninth Act of the late Assembly, and whole Acts therein mentioned, and in Acts formerly made and referred to, in the Commissions granted to former Committees, any five of the Persons above-named are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof three to be Ministers: But it is hereby appointed, That, at the quarterly Meeting of the said Committee, when the Scheme or Establishment of Missionaries for the Year ensuing, shall be approved and determined, nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders, at least, shall be a *Quorum*; and the said Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at Three of the Clock Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Diets of the Commission of the General Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, except when it falls to be upon *Friday* or *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be upon *Monday* following next thereafter, at the said Hour; with Power to the said Committee to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places as they shall find most needful and convenient: And they are to keep a Correspondence with the Commission of the General Assembly, and the *Society for propagating Christian Knowledge*, and their Committee of Directors, and take their Advice and Assistance. And the General Assembly do, by these Presents, nominate and appoint the said Mr. *William Grant*, Advocate, Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the said Committee,

and according to their Rules. And the ſaid Committee are appointed to examine the Accompts of the Diſtribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the ſame before the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury, or the Barons of his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Aſſembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, That no Perſon once employed, and inſert in the Scheme, ſhall be ſtruck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of at leaſt nine Miniſters and five Ruling Elders: And in caſe any Complaint ſhall be made againſt any of them on the Scheme, it ſhall not be determin'd at the firſt ordinary Meeting that the ſame is offered, but ſhall ly on the Table till another Meeting; and, in the mean Time, the Perſon complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, ſhall be acquainted of ſuch a Complaint, and theſe concerned be required to ſend to the ſaid Committee a juſt Account of the Matter againſt their next Meeting. And it is further appointed, That after the yearly Scheme of Miſſionaries on the Royal Bounty is ſettled, in Manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, ſuch Presbyteries ſhall ſend up to the ſaid Committee their Anſwers to theſe Letters, at fartheſt, with their Commiſſioners to the General Aſſembly, if the ſame be not done ſooner. And that the Committee at their Meeting in *May*, ſhall name a Subcommittee of their Number, for preparing the next Year's Scheme, who are to lay their Draught thereof before a ſubſequent Meeting.

XI.

Commiſſion to ſome Miniſters and Ruling-Elders, for diſcuſſing Affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, May 21. 1744. *Seſſ.* 13.

THE General Aſſembly taking to their ſerious Conſideration, that there are diverſe Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commiſſionate and appoint, the Reverend Mr. *John Adams*, Miniſter at *Dalrymple*, their Moderator; and from the Presbytery of *Aberdeen*, Mr. *John Osburn*, Principal of the *Mariſhal College* of *Aberdeen*, Mr. *John Lumſden*, Profeſſor of Divinity in the *King's*

King's *College* of *Aberdeen*, Mr. *Robert Melvil* at *Duires*, Mr. *James Ogilvy* at *Aberdeen*, Miniſters; Provoſt *Alexander Robertſon*, and Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Ruling-Elders. From the *King*'s *College*, Mr. *George Chalmers*, Principal thereof. From the Presbytery of *Kincardinoniel*, Mr. *George Shepherd* at *Tarland*, Mr *Francis Dauney* at *Lumphanan*, Mr. *Robert Michie* at *Cluny*, Miniſters; Sir *Arthur Forbes* of *Cragyvar*, Baronet, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Alford*, Mr. *Walter Syme* at *Tillineſſle*, Mr. *Theodore Gordon* at *Kinnethmont*, Mr. *John Mair* at *Forbes*, Miniſters; Mr. *Thomas Mitchel* Probationer, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Ellon*, Mr. *Andrew Moir* at *Methlick*, Mr. *Alexander Howie* at *Tarves*, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of *Garioch*, Mr. *Alexander Simſon* at *Monymusk*, Mr *Alexander Mearns* at *Inch*, Mr. *Alexander Gordon* at *Kintore*, Miniſters; the Lord *Drummore*, Ruling-Elder; from the Burgh of *Kintore*, *Thomas Dundas* younger of *Fingask*. From the Presbytery of *Deer*, Mr. *Alexander Auchinleck* at *Fraſersburgh*, Mr. *John Brown* at *Longſide*, Miniſters; *John Wat* Merchant in *New-Deer*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Turreff*, Mr. *William Duff*, at *King-Edward*, Mr. *James Wilſon* at *Gamrie*, Miniſters; *George Smith* in *Gamrie*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Fordice*, Mr. *James Innes* at *Banff*, Mr. *James Lautie* at *Cullen*, Miniſters; from the Burgh of *Cullen*, Mr. *Charles Hope-Weir* of *Craigiehall*; from the Burgh of *Banff*, Mr. *Francis Grant*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Strathbogie*, Mr. *Alexander Chalmers* at *Glaſs*, Mr. *Alexander Stewart* at *Grange*, Miniſters; *William Forſyth* Merchant in *Huntly*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Aberlour*, Mr. *Hugh Grant* at *Knockando*, Mr. *John Paul* at *Rothes*, Miniſters; the Lord *Elchies*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Abernethy*, Mr. *William Gordon* at *Alvey*, Mr. *William Grant* at *Abernethy*, Miniſters; *Lauchlan Grant* younger of *Gartenbeg*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Elgin*, Mr. *William Colly* at *Drainy*, Mr. *Alexander Murray* at *Birny*, Miniſters; *Joſeph Brody* of *Milnton*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Forreſs*, Mr. *John Squyre* at *Forreſs*, Mr. *Alexander Roſe* at *Nairn*, Miniſters; *William Collie* in *Burgie*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Inverneſs*, Mr. *Alexander Mac-Bean* at *Inverneſs*, Mr. *James Leſly* at *Moy*, Miniſters; *Duncan Forbes* of *Culloden*, Eſq; Lord Preſident of the Court of Seſſion, Ruling-Elder; from the Burgh of *Inverneſs*, *John Mac-Intoſh* Merchant in *Inverneſs*. From the Presbytery of *Chanonry*, Mr, *Thomas Inglis* at *Cullicudden*, Mr. *Donald*

Fraſer at *Kilearnan*, Miniſters; *Alexander Gordon* of *Ardoch*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Taine*, Mr. *John Porteous* at *Kilmuir-Eaſter*, Mr. *Gilbert Robertſon* at *Kincardine*, Miniſters; Sir *John Gordon* of *Inver-Gordon* Baronet, Ruling-Elder; from the Burgh of *Taine*, Mr. *William Baillie*, Factor to the Laird of *Balnagowdn*. From the Presbytery of *Dingwall*, Mr. *Colin MacKenzie* at *Fotherty*, Mr. *Adam Roſe* at *Dingwall*, Miniſters; *Albert Monro* of *Coul*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Abertarph*, Mr. *John Stewart* at *Kilmanivaig*, Mr. *John Grant* at *Urquhart*, Miniſters; Sir *Archibald Grant* of *Monimusk*, Baronet, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Skye*, Mr. *Donald Mac-Aulay* at *Braccadale*, Mr. *John Mac-Pherſon* at *Trotterniſh*, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of *Lewis*, Mr. *Colin Mac-Kenzie* at *Lochs* Mr. *Donald Moriſon* at *Stornavoy*, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of *Viſt*, Mr. *Donald Mac-Leod* at *North-Viſt*, Mr. *William Mac-Leod* at *Bara*, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, Mr. *Æneas Mac-Aulay* at *Applecroſs*, Mr. *John Beaton* at *Kintail*, Miniſters; *Kenneth Mac-Kenzie* at *Lochcarron*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Dornoch*, Mr. *William Scobie* at *Aſſint*, Mr. *Hugh Sutherland* at *Kildonan*, Miniſters; *Andrew Mac-Culloch* Baillie of *Dornoch*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Tong*, Mr. *Walter Roſs* at *Tong*, Mr *Murdoch Mac-Donald* at *Duirneſs*, Miniſters; Mr. *George Mac-Kay* Advocate, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Caithneſs*, Mr. *James Ferm* at *Wick*, Mr. *Alexander Oliphant* at *Bower*, Miniſters; the Lord *Murkle*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Kirkwall*, Mr. *William Mair* at *Holm*, Mr. *John Scollay* at *Kirkwall*, Miniſters; the Right Hon. the Earl of *Morton*, Ruling-Elder; from the Burgh of *Kirkwall*, *John Wilſon* Merchant and late Baillie of *Edinburgh*. From the Presbytery of *Cairſton*, Mr. *Alexander Geddes* at *Birſay*, Mr. *John Nisbet* at *Sandwick*, Miniſters; *Andrew Roſs*, Eſq; Steward Depute of *Orknay*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Zetland*, Mr. *Matthew Moncrief* at *Breſſay*, Mr. *Thomas Millar* at *Lerwick*, Miniſters; Mr. *John Craigie*, Steward Depute of *Zetland*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *James Walker* at *Canongate*, Mr. *Thomas Pitcairn* at *Weſt-Kirk*, Mr. *Patrick Cuming* at *Edinburgh*, Mr. *James Stevenſon* at *South-Leith*, Mr. *Robert Wallace* at *Edinburgh*, Mr. *James Glaſgow* in the *Caſtle* of *Edinburgh*, Miniſters; the Lord *Arniſton*, Mr. *Alexander Nisbet*, late Deacon-Conveener of the Trades of *Edinburgh*, *John Dickie* of *Corſtorphinhill*,

hill, Ruling-Elders. From the City of *Edinburgh*, *John Couts*, Esq; Lord Provoſt thereof, *George Langlands*, Surgeon, and Deacon-Conveener of the Trades thereof. From the Univerſity of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *John Goudie* Profeſſor of Divinity there. From the Church of *Campvere*, Mr. *James Yair* Miniſter there; *Archibald Mac-Aulay*, Esq; Lord Conſervator, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Linlithgow*, Mr. *James Naſmith* at *Dalmeny*, Mr. *Robert Hunter* at *Livingſton*, Mr. *Robert Boyd* at *Muiravenſide*, Mr. *Charles Wilkie* at *Eccleſmachan*, Miniſters; the Laird of *Dundas*, Mr. *Ramſay* of *Blackcraig*, Ruling-Elders. From the Burgh of *Linlithgow*, the Right Honourable the Lord *Cardroſs*; Burgh of *Queen's Ferry*, Mr. *John Dundas* of *Newhalls*. From the Presbytery of *Biggar*, Mr *David Blenſhal* at *Lamington*, Mr. *Thomas Henderſon* at *Skirling*, Miniſters; Mr. *Archibald Bertram* of *Nisbet*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of Peebles, Mr. *Alexander Robertſon* at *Eddleſton*, Mr. *Thomas Gibſon* at *Kirkcurd* Miniſters; Mr. *John Dickſon* younger of *Kilbucho*, Advocate, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Dalkeith*, Mr. *David Lindſay* at *Cockpen*, Mr. *James Paton* at *Carington*, Mr. *Patrick Sympſon* at *Falla*, Miniſters; Mr. *Robert Dundas* younger of *Arniſton*, his Majeſty's Sollicitor, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Haddingtoun*, Mr. *Matthew Sympſon* at *Pancaitland*, Mr. *John Cuming at Humby*, Mr. *Edward Steedman* at *Haddingtoun*, Miniſters; Mr. *George Brown* younger of *Colſton*, Advocate, Ruling-Elder Burgh of *Haddingtoun*, *Andrew Dickſon* Esq; Provoſt thereof; Burgh of *North-Berwick*, *Robert Swinton* Merchant there. From the Presbytery of *Dunbar*, Mr. *George Hume* at *Whitingham*, Mr. *John Cluny* at *Whitekirk*, Miniſters; Mr. *Thomas Hamilton* Advocate, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Dumbar*, *Alexander Hamilton* of *Pencaitland* Esq;. From the Presbytery of *Dunſe*, Mr. *John Hume* at *Greenlaw*, Mr. *Robert Monteith* at *Longformacus*, Miniſters; Mr. *George Buchan* of *Cumlage*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Chirnſide*, Mr. *Robert Waugh* at *Hutton*, Mr. *Richard Bell* at *Mordington*, Mr. *James Allan* at *Eymouth*, Miniſters; Mr. *Thomas Fordice* of *Ayton*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Kelſo*, Mr. *Robert Hog* at *Roxburgh*, Mr. *Andrew Chatto* at *Marbottle*, Miniſters; Mr. *Charles Binning* of *Pilmore*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, Mr. *Robert Bell* at *Crealline*, Mr. *George Elliot* at *Hounam*, Mr. *John Oliver* at *Southdean*, Miniſters; Mr. *Walter Elliot*, of *Broadhaugh*, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Jedburgh*, the moſt Honourable, the Marquis of *Lothian*. From the Presbytery of *Erſilton*,

Mr. *John Bell* at *Gordon*, Mr. *James Lindſay* at *Lauder*, Miniſters; Mr. *Robert Kennedy* of *Greenknow*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Selkirk*, Mr. *Henry Erskine* at *Roberton*, Mr. *Thomas Boſton* at *Etterick*, Miniſters; Mr. *Andrew Pringle* Advocate, younger of *Haining*, Ruling-Elder. Burgh of *Selkirk*, Doctor *Andrew Plummer*. From the Presbytery of *Annan*, Mr. *James Hunter* at *Dornock*, Mr. *Walter Cook* at *Cummertrees*, Miniſters; *John Pain* of *Braikenwhat*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Langholm*, Mr. *Alexander Meikle* at *Langholm*, Mr. *James MacGarroch* at *Eskdalemuir* Miniſters; *William Scot* of *Miekeldale*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, Mr. *Andrew Clark* at *Tindergirth*, Mr. *John Allan* at *Kirkmichael*, Mr. *John Nimmo* at *Johnſton*, Miniſters; *Robert Kilpatrick* of *Glenkiln*, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Lochmaben*, Mr. *William Kilpatrick* of *Elieſland*. From the Presbytery of *Penpont*, Mr. *William Moodie* at *Glencairn*, Mr. *Thomas Wilſon* at *Tinrom*, Miniſters; *Alexander Ferguſon* of *Craigdarroch*, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Sanquhar*, *William Lorimer* of *Holm*. From the Presbytery of *Dumfries*, Mr. *John Scot* at *Dumfries*, Mr. *William Irvine* at *New-Abbay*, Mr. *Thomas Hamilton* at *Holywood*, Miniſters; Mr. *Charles Erskine* of *Tinwald*, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Dumfries*, *James Gilchriſt* Baillie thereof. From the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, Mr. *George Gartſhore* at *Kirkcudbright*, Mr. *Andrew Boyd* at *Tynholm*, Mr. *Patrick Torſton* at *Kels*, Miniſters; *William Mac-Millan* of *Larwhinnoch*, Ruling-Elder, Burgh of *Kirkcudbright*, *William Lennox*, Merchant and late Treaſurer thereof. From the Presbytery of *Wigton*, Mr. *Edward Boyd* at *Wigton*, Mr. *Andrew Adair* at *Whithorn*, Miniſters; Doctor *Alexander Martin* of *Littleairies*, Phyſician, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Wigton*, *William Hamilton* of *Craiglaw*; Burgh of *Whithorn*, *Anthony MacMillan*. From the Presbytery of *Stranrawer*, Mr. *James MacFerran* at *Kirkmaiden*, Mr. *Andrew Dalziel* at *Stonykirk*, Miniſters; *John Gray* Chyrurgeon Apothecary in *Stranrawer*, Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Stranrawer*, Mr. *Andrew MacDowal* of *Kingſeat* Advocate. From the Presbytery of *Ayr*, Mr. *John Hunter* at *Ayr*, Mr. *John Steel* at *Oldcumnock*, Mr. *James Laurie* at *Kirkmichael*, Mr. *Robert Fiſher* at *Maybole*, Mr. *John Steel* at *Stair*, Miniſters; Col. *William Dalrymple* of *Glenmoor*, Mr. *Alexander Boſwel* younger of *Auchinleck*, Ruling-Elders; Burgh of *Ayr*, Mr. *William Wallace* of *Caruhill*. From the Presbytery of *Irvine*, Mr. *James Semple* at *Dreghorn*, Mr. *Laurence Hill* at *Kilmarnock*, Mr. *Alexander Ferguſon* at *Kilwinning*, Miniſters; Mr. *Patrick Boyle* of *Shewalton* Advocate

Advocate, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Irvine*, *Mr. William Warner* of *Ardeer*. From the Presbytery of *Paisley*, Mr. *David Turner* at *Greenock*, Mr. *Patrick Maxwel at Inchinan*, Mr. *John Fleming* at *Kilmacolm*, M. *John Warner* at *Kilbarchan*, Miniſters; Mr. *Archibald Campbell* of *Elderſlie*, Writer to the Signet, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Renfrew*, Baillie *William Somervile*. From the Presbytery of *Hamilton*, Mr. *William Steel* at *Dalſerf*, Mr. *Thomas Cleland* at *Cambuſnethan*, Mr. *John Pinkerton* at *Dalziel*, Miniſters; Major *John Roberton* of *Ernock*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Lanerk*, Mr. *James Wilſon* at *Carſtairs*, Mr. *Patrick Scot* at *Carnwath*, Mr. *James Porteous* at *Wiſton*, Miniſters; Sir *James Lockhart* of *Carſtairs* Baronet, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Lanerk*, *Robert Bell* Merchant and one of the preſent Baillies thereof. From the Presbytery of *Glaſgow*, Mr. *James Robe* at *Kilſyth*, Mr. *John Warden* at *Campſie*, Mr. *James Stirling* at *Glaſgow*, Miniſters; *Richard Allan* Baillie of *Glaſgow*, Ruling-Elder; City of *Glaſgow*, *Laurence Dinwiddie*, Eſq; Provoſt thereof; Univerſity of *Glaſgow*, Mr. *Neil Campbell* Principal of the College of *Glaſgow* From the Presbytery of *Dumbarton*, Mr. *John Edmondſton* at *Cardroſs*, Mr. *George Sinclair* at *Balfron*, Mr. *Duncan Mac-Farlane* at *Drymen*, Miniſters; Mr. *James Smollet* of *Bonhill*, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Dumbarton*, Mr. *George Smollet* of *Ingliſton*. From the Presbytery of *Dunoon*, Mr. *James Stewart* at *Kingarth*, Mr. *Alexander Lamont* at *Kilfinan*, Miniſters; Sir *James Campbel* of *Ardkinglaſs*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Kintyre*, Mr. *John MacVicar* at *Kildalton*, Mr. *James Stewart* at *Arran*, Miniſters; Mr. *Alexander MacMillan* of *Dunmore*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Inveraray*, Mr. *Archibald Lambie* at *Kilmartine*, Mr. *Alexander Campbell* at *Inveraray*, Miniſters; *Colin Campbell* of *Kilbride*, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Inveraray*, Captain *John Campbell* of *Limefield*. From the Presbytery of *Lorn*, Mr. *John MacVane* at *Glenurchy* Mr. *James Campbell* at *Kilmore*, Miniſters; His Grace the Duke of *Argyle*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Mull*, Mr. *Alexander MacTaviſh* at *Tirie*, Mr. *Lauchlan Campbell* at *Ardnamurchan*, Miniſters; *Hector MacLean* of *Torlosk*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, Mr. *Adam Ferguſon* at *Mouline*, Mr. *James Gow* at *Cargill*, Mr. *James Stewart* at *Killine*, Mr. *John Douglaſs* at *Kenmore*, Miniſters; His Grace the Duke of *Athol*, and *John Campbell* younger of *Achalladar*, Ruling-Elders. From the Presbytery of *Perth*, Mr. *Robert Coventree* at *Kilſpindie*, Mr. *Charles Phut* at *Kinfauns*, Mr. *David Black* at *Perth*, Mr. *Alexander Mair* at *Forteviot*, Miniſters; *Robert Craigy* of *Glendoeg*, Eſq; Lord

Advocate, and *Alexander Belches* of *Innermay*, Ruling-Elders. From the Presbytery of *Stirling*, Mr. *William Campbell* at *Alva*, Mr. *Daniel MacQueen* at *Stirling*, Mr. *William Bennet* at *Denny*, Miniſters; Mr. *Thomas Dundas* of *Fingask*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Auchterarder*, Mr. *Andrew Ramſay* at *Maderty*, Mr. *Robert Menzies* at *Comrie*, Mr. *Henry Lundie* at *Monzie*, Miniſters; Mr. *Charles Cambpell* of *Lochland*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Dumblane*, Mr. *John Smith* at *Kincardine*, Mr. *Andrew Turnbul* at *Kippen*, Miniſters; the Lord *Napier*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Dumfermline*, Mr. *James Thomſon* at *Dumfermline*, Mr. *Robert Steedman* at *Beath*, Mr. *James Bathgate* at *Dalgety*, Miniſters; Captain *Charles Greig* in *Inverkeithing*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Kirckaldy*, Mr. *Robert Speirs* at *Brunt-Iſland*, Mr. *George Kay* at *Dyſart*, Mr. *David Rintoul* at *Kirkcaldy*, Miniſters; Mr. *John Dundas* of *Weſter-Bogie*, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Kirkcaldy*, Doctor *Robert Hay* of *Struie*; Burgh of *Kinghorn*, Mr. *Archibald Punton* Baxter in *Edinburgh*. From the Presbytery of *Coupar*, Mr. *William Thomſon* at *Fliſk*, Mr. *George Gileſpie at Strathmiglo*, Mr. *James Bruce* at *Creech*, Mr. *Joſias Walker* at *Abdie*, Miniſters; the Right Hon. the Earl of *Leven*, and Mr. *James Mac-Gill* of *Rankeilor*, Ruling-Elders; Burgh of *Coupar*, Commiſſar *Leſly*. From the Presbytery of St. *Andrews*, Mr. *James Haddow* Principal of the New-College of St. *Andrews*, Mr. *Archibald Campbell* Profeſſor of Eccleſiaſtical Hiſtory therein, Mr. *Andrew Shaw* Profeſſor of Divinity there, Mr. *James Clydſdale* at *Kilconquhar*, Miniſters; *John Wilſon* Writer in St *Andrews*, and Baillie *Robert Waddel* Ship-Builder in *Cellardikes*, Ruling-Elders; from the Univerſity of St. *Andrews*, Mr. *Thomas Tullideph* Principal of St. *Leonards* College of St. *Andrews*. From the Presbytery of *Meegle*, Mr. *Laurence Brown* at *Lentrethan*, Mr. *David Thomſon* at *Airly*, Mr. *John Ker* at *Kittens*, Miniſters; *James Crichton* Merchant in *Coupar*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Forfar*, Mr. *John Young* at *Inverarity*, Mr. *Thomas Raker* at *Othlaw*, Miniſters; Provoſt *John Donaldſon* of *Inverichty*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Dundee*, Mr. *Thomas Rendall* at *Inchſture*, Mr. *David Scot* at *Auchterhouſe*, Mr. *James Playfair* at *Benvy*, Miniſters; Mr. *John Halyburton* Merchant in *Dundee*, Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Dundee*, *James Halyburton* Merchant, and one of the preſent Baillies of *Dundee*. From the Presbytery of *Aberbrothwick*, Mr. *Robert Trail* at *Panbride*, Mr. *James Muiriſon* at *Kinnell*, Miniſters; *James Doeg* late Baillie in *Aberbrothwick*, Ruling-

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ing-Elder; Burgh of *Aberbrothwick*, Sir *James Stewart* of *Goodtrees*, Baronet. From the Presbytery of *Breechen*, Mr. *George Aitken* at *Montrose*, Mr. *David Blair* at *Breechen*, Mr. *James Weemyss* at *Fern*, Ministers; *John Pilmore* Merchant in *Montrose*, Ruling-Elder. From the Presbytery of *Fordoun*, Mr. *David Burn* at *Fettereſſo*, Mr. *James Honeyman* at *Kinneff*, Mr. *William Bell* at *Benholm*, Ministers; Mr. *James Burnet*, of *Montboddo*, Ruling-Elder; Burgh of *Bervie*, Commmiſſioner *Arbuthnot*, with the Moſt Honourable *John* Marquis of *Tweddale*, the Right Honourable *David* Earl of *Buchan*, Sir *Gilbert Elliot* of *Minto*, Mr. *Patrick Campbell* of *Monzie*, Mr. *Alexander Fraſer* of *Strichen*, three of the Senators of the College of Juſtice, Ruling-Elders; to be Commiſſioners of this General Aſſembly, to the Effects after-mentioned, with Power to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty one of the ſaid Commiſſioners, whereof Twenty one are always to be Miniſters, to meet and conveen within the Aſſembly-Houſe at *Edinburgh*, the firſt free Day after the Diſſolution of this Aſſembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, and thereafter, the firſt *Wedneſday* of *Auguſt*, and ſecond *Wedneſdays* of *November* and *March* next to come, and oftner, when and where they ſhall think fit and convenient; with Power to the ſaid Commiſſioners to chuſe their own Moderator: And likewiſe the General Aſſembly fully impowers their ſaid Commiſſioners or their *Quorum*, above mentioned, to cognoſce and finaly determine as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, in every Matter referred, or that ſhall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Aſſembly, and to do every Thing contained in, and conform to the Inſtructions given, or to be given by this Aſſembly; and to advert to the Intereſt of the Church on every Occaſion, that the Church and preſent Eſtabliſhment thereof, do not ſuffer or ſuſtain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be anſwerable: Providing always, That this General Clauſe be not extended to particular Affairs, or Proceſſes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of univerſal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, That no private Proceſſes be determined, except at the four ſtated Diets, and what ſhall be determined at one Diet of the Commiſſion, with relation to private Cauſes, ſhall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and ſhall ſtand and continue in Force, till diſapproven by the General Aſſembly; and the General Aſſembly renews the Inſtructions given by the General Aſſembly, in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, to their Commiſſion, and appoints the ſame to ſtand

in full Force, as Inſtructions to the Commiſſioners before-named, and to be obſerved by them in all Points, as if the ſame were ſpecially here inſert: And that they enquire into the publiſhing and ſpreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of what ever Kind, inconſiſtent with our *Confeſſion of Faith*, and that the Recommenders of ſuch Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Write, or Print, be called before the ſaid Commiſſion to anſwer for the ſame. And further, The ſaid Commiſſion, is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals, that ſhall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen ſuch Affairs for the General Aſſembly; and to contribute what they can to the ſuppreſſing of Vice and Immorality; and give all needful Advice and Aſſiſtance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likewiſe to take Care that the Impreſſions of the *Holy Scriptures*, *the Confeſſion of Faith*, and *Catechiſms*, and ſuch Books as are authorized by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline and Government thereof, be correct, and give Directions about printing the ſame. And the ſaid Commiſſion are appointed and impowered to keep a Correſpondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, for ſuppreſſing Popery and Superſtition, and for Promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in theſe Parts, and give Aſſiſtance and Concurrence therein; and if need be, to apply to the Government, for a proper Remedy and ſpeedy Redreſs. And the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby ſtrictly prohibited and diſcharged to meddle in any other Matters, than what are committed and referred to them, as above mentioned: And in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Conſtitutions of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the ſame, declaring, that in, and for all their Actings, they ſhall be accountable to, and Cenſurable by the next General Aſſembly, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe. And this Commiſſion is to continue and endure, until another Commiſſion be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the ſaid Commiſſion, and Abſents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Aſſembly in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſix; and for the better ſecuring of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commiſſion, the General Aſſembly prohibites the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commiſſion; and ſuch of the Members of theſe Presbyteries, as are on the Commiſſion, are required all of them, to give Attendance

dance on the Diets thereof; and the Presbyteries, at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take Care, that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same; and the Assembly appoint their Commission, at their first Meeting, to discuss as many of the Causes and Questions, relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are or shall be referred to them by the Assembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, That when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church, shall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commission, or to give the same a full Execution; in that Case, the Commission is hereby prohibited to execute the same, by appointing any such correspondent Meetings, as has been sometimes the Practice, but shall allow the same to ly over to the ensuing Assembly, to which such Presbyteries or Synods shall be answerable for such their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to send up with their Commissioners, their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly do further impower and direct the said Commission, to make due Application to the King and Parliament, for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in case a favourable Opportunity for so doing shall occur, during the Subsistence of this Commission. And the General Assembly do enjoin their Commission, that in passing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the same, they strictly observe the 12th Act of the Assembly 1736.

XII.

ACT appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 21st, 1744. *Sess. ult.*

THE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held in this Place upon the second *Thursday* of *May* next, being the 9th Day of that Month, in the Year 1745.

The General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, and singing a Part of the 72 *Psalm, from the* 17*th Verse to the Close, and pronouncing the Blessing.*

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly by

WILLIAM GRANT, *Cls. Eccl. Scot.*

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The King's Commission to the Earl of *Leven*, to represent His Majesty's Royal Person in this Assembly, read, and recorded. *Ibid.*

His Majesty's most Gracious Letter to this Assembly, read and ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

The Commissioner's Speech at Opening this Assembly, and the Moderator's Speech in Return thereto. *Ibid.*

The King's Warrant for 1000 *l. Sterling*, as His Royal Bounty for maintaining Itinerant Preachers and Catechists, in the Highlands and Islands, given in by His Majesty's Commissioner, read, and recorded. *Ibid.*

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A Committee appointed to reviſe the Regiſter of the Committee named by the laſt Aſſembly, for managing the Royal Bounty for Reformation of the Highlands and Iſlands. *Ibid.*

Committees named for reviſing the Regiſters of the Synods of *Aberdeen*, *Murray*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*, *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Angus* and *Mearns*. Ibid.

The Synod-books of *Glenelg*, *Roſs*, *Orkney*, *Dumfries*, *Galloway*, *Glaſgow*, *Argyle*, and *Fife* abſent, and reſolved that the Reaſons thereof be enquir'd into. *Ibid.*

The Committee for Overtures appointed to receive the Inſtructions from the ſeveral Presbyteries and Synods, and conſider the ſame, and report. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to conſider the Report of the Commiſſion of the laſt General Aſſembly concerning the Scheme for a Proviſion to the Widows and Children of the Miniſters of this Church, and the Act of Parliament obtained in Purſuance of the Application made by the ſaid Commiſſion, in Name, and by Authority of the laſt Aſſembly, and what is fit to be done by this Aſſembly towards carrying the ſaid Act into Execution. *Ibid.*

A Petition for the King's College of *Aberdeen*, craving to be comprehended in the Scheme, and have the Benefit of the ſaid Act of Parliament, with a Petition for the Mariſhal College, to the ſame Effect, remitted to the ſaid Committee. *Ibid.*

The Election of Mr. *Alexander Gordon* Miniſter at *Kintore*, to be Member of this Aſſembly, from the Presbytery of *Garioch*, ſuſtained; and the Election of Mr. *Tytlar* Miniſter at *Premnay* laid aſide. *Ibid.*

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A Committee appointed to reviſe the Synod-book of *Fife*, *May* 14th, *Seſſ.* 4.

Commiſſions from the Burgh of *Tain* not atteſted by the Kirk-ſeſſion, and by the Burgh of *Kirkwal* to their Repreſentatives in this Aſſembly, neither atteſted by the Kirk-Seſſion nor Presbytery, produced, and rejected. *Ibid.*

A Letter from the Presbytery of Fordice, containing their Opinion with reſpect to the Method of carrying into Execution the Scheme and Act of Parliament for a Proviſion to the Widows and Children of Miniſters, *&c.* remitted to the Committee named to conſider the ſaid Act. *Ibid.*

Reſolution to hear a Cauſe, brought by Appeal from the Synod of *Glaſgow*, concerning Mr. *William Leechman* Profeſſor of Divinity in the Univerſity of *Glaſgaw*. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for reviſing Commiſſions brought in, and a Reſolution enter'd into, That all the Commiſſions which are not agreeable to the Acts of Aſſembly, be rejected; and accordingly the Commiſſions from the Burghs of *Banff*, *Inverkeithing*, *Lochmaben*, *Wigtoun*, *Kinghorn*, *Kirkcaldy*, *Sanquhar* and *Kintore*, rejected: As alſo, the Commiſſions from the Presbyteries of *Langholm*, *Mull*, *Forfar* and *Dunkeld*, ſo far as concerns their Ruling-Elders, laid aſide; likeways the Commiſſion from the Presbytery of *Deer* with reſpect to Mr. *Innes* at *Pitſligo*; and that from the Presbytery of *Peebles*, ſo far as concerns one of their Commiſſioners, who had been choſen after they had been otherways fully repreſented. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Commiſſion of the late Aſſembly, with reſpect to the Scheme for a Proviſion to Miniſters Widows and Children, produced; bearing, their having found Reaſon to cauſe Application to be made to the King and Parliament, for rendering the ſaid Scheme effectual, in Terms of the Act of laſt Aſſembly; that conſequently they had appointed Mr. *Robert Wallace*, their Moderator, and Mr. *George Wiſhart*, one of the Miniſters of *Edinburgh*, as Commiſſioners for that Effect; and named a Committee at *Edinburgh* to correſpond with them from Time to Time: That the ſaid Commiſſioners went to *London*, and, upon their Return, reported to the Commiſſion in *March*, That the Aſſembly's Plan had received the Sanction of both Houſes of Parliament, and the Royal Aſſent, after having undergone a few Alterations, which ſeem'd fit to the Wiſdom of the Legiſlature, and produced a Copy of the Act of Parliament: That ſeveral Letters had paſt betwixt the ſaid Committee and Commiſſioners; and that the Commiſſion had named a Committee to peruſe the

same, and report an Abstract of their Proceedings to the Commission in *May*, or to this Assembly: And the above Report being read, the Assembly remitted the same to the Consideration of the Committee named to consider the Act of Parliament thereanent. *Ibid*

The Report of the two Commissioners sent to *London* to sollicite the obtaining the said Act of Parliament, called for, bearing their Diligence and Success, particularly their having presented the Commission's Address to his Majesty, who was most graciously pleased to receive it, and to give Countenance to the Application made in Name of this Church, by recommending it to both Houses of Parliament; That they were much assisted by all our Countrymen, Members of both Houses of Parliament, and that the *English* Members did also most readily favour them with their Concurrence. And the said Report being read, the Assembly remitted the same to the foresaid Committee. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Trustees named in the said Act, given in, bearing their having met, in Obedience to the Act of Parliament, upon the 10th of *April* last, their having elected a Preses, settled the Salary of their Clerk, and made Choice of *Robert MacIntosh*, Sub-Clerk to the General Assembly, for that Office; that on that Day, and at their next Meeting, the 8th Instant, Ministers and Professors in the Presbytery and University of *Edinburgh*, and from different Corners of the Country, notified to the Trustees their Accession to the Scheme, and two or three had given in Declinatures; that they had appointed a Committee to consider some Notifications of Ministers claiming the Benefit of the Scheme, whose Title do not appear so clear: And the said Report being read, was remitted to the foresaid Committee, named on *Saturday* last, about carrying the Act of Parliament into Execution. *Ibid.*

The Opinion of the said Committee, that a Diet be fixed for the Choice of a Collector, agreed to, and *Friday* next appointed for that Purpose; and all Persons who think proper to offer themselves as Candidates for that Office, are appointed to give in their Names to the Sub-Clerk of the Assembly, betwixt and Six o'Clock To-morrow's Evening, at the Society-hall, with the Names of the Gentlemen whom they propose as their Bail, that the Members of Assembly may satisfy themselves as to the Sufficiency thereof, there being to be no Reasoning in the Assembly, before the Election, as to the Nature of the Bail. *Ibid.*

Resolution to give Determination, on *Friday* next, as to the Choice of a Clerk made by the Trustees, appointed by

by the ſaid Act of Parliament, and that the ſaid Truſtees be heard upon the Reaſons of ſuch their Choice, if they deſire it. *Ibid.*

The Appeal of the Earl of *Cromarty*, and others of the Pariſh of *Lochbroom*, from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, delaying to give Judgment upon a Call by the ſaid Pariſh, to Mr *James Robertſon* Probationer, to be their Miniſter, heard, with a Repreſentation by the ſaid Presbytery to the Aſſembly, containing a Summary of their Proceedings in this Affair; and the Aſſembly unanimouſly ſuſtained the foreſaid Call, and appointed the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, to proceed to his Trials and Settlement, as Miniſter of the ſaid Pariſh, and for that End, to meet at *Lochcarron*, upon the 28th of *June* next, and begin to take his Trials, and carry it on with all convenient Diſpatch; and in caſe of their Refuſal, or delaying to proceed, the Commiſſion is impowered to cognoſce and finally determine, in any Appeal, Reference or Complaint, that may be brought before them from the ſaid Presbytery, touching, or that may affect the foreſaid Trialls and Settlement, and if they ſee Cauſe, to appoint the Miniſters of the Presbytery of *Taine* and *Dingwal*, or any Five of them, to take the regular Steps towards, and make effectual the foreſaid Settlement. *Ibid.*

The Sentence of the Presbytery of *Coupar*, rejecting a Call of the Heritors and others of the Pariſh of *Coleſſie*, to Mr. *John Mathie* Probationer, to be their Miniſter, and ſuſtaining a Call by others of that Pariſh, to Mr. *George Simpſon* Probationer, reverſed; and the Call to Mr *Mathie* ſuſtained; and the ſaid Presbytery appointed to proceed to his Trials and Settlement as Miniſter of the ſaid Pariſh, with all convenient Diſpatch, according to the Rules of this Church. *May* 15th, *antemerid. Seſſ.* 5.

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Report of the Committee for reviſing Commiſſions brought in, and the Commiſſions from the Burghs of *Inverbervie* and *Cullen* rejected. *Ibid.*

A Petition of Mr. *George Shepherd* Miniſter at *Tarland*, with a Recommendation of the Presbytery of *Kincardineniel*, and Synod of *Aberdeen*, for having the Expence of a Proceſs, to be intented by him, for a Modification and Locality of his Stipend, defrayed out of the Church's Money, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

A Petition of Mr. *John Stewart* Miniſter at *Kilmanivaig*, craving an Order for Payment of the uſual *Viaticum*, for his Attendance on the General Aſſembly 1740, remitted to the Committe on the publick Accomps. *Ibid.*

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A Petition of the Presbytery of *Taine*, in relation to a Process about building the Church of *Fearn*, remitted to the said Committee. *Ibid.*

Resolution of the Assembly, as to the Order of their taking in private Causes, transmitted to them from the Committee for Bills. *Ibid.*

A Petition of Mr. *James Glasgow*, Minister of the Garrison in the Castle of *Edinburgh*, craving the Assembly's Advice, touching a Question with respect to his Claim of being comprehended in the Scheme, for a Provision to Ministers Widows, *&c.* referred to the Committee appointed to consider the Act of Parliament relative thereto. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee, appointed to consider the Act of Parliament, for a Provision to the Widows and Children of Ministers, brought in, and agreeable thereto, the Lord Advocate being present, received the Thanks of the Assembly, for the great Pains and Trouble he had taken in preparing the Bill for the said Act, and carrying it thro' the House of Commons; and the Moderator appointed, in the Assembly's Name, to write Letters of Thanks, to the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellour of *Great Britain*, and to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, for their Countenance and Favour, at passing the said Bill thro' both Houses. *Ibid.*

Messrs. *Robert Wallace* and *George Wishart*, Commissioners sent to *London*, to solicite the obtaining of the said Act of Parliament, thanked for their Faithfulness and Diligence therein. *Ibid.*

The Reverend Mr. *Alexander Webster*, One of the Ministers of *Edinburgh*, being present, received the Thanks of the Assembly, for the extraordinary Pains and Trouble taken by him, in the Rise and Progress of the Scheme. *Ibid.*

The Representation and Petition of the *Marishall* College of *Aberdeen*, praying the Assembly to receive, and cause record their Application and Desire, to be comprehended in the Act of Parliament, for a Provision to the Widows, *&c.* to the End, they and their Successors in Office, in the said College, may be entitled to the Benefit of the said Act, as is therein provided, read, and sustained as a proper Accession to the Scheme, and the same ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

The Petition of the Principal and Masters of the University and King's College of *Aberdeen* being read, Praying to to be received and comprehended in the Act of Parliament, Mr. *Burnet* of *Montboddo*, Advocate, by Commission from the Sub-Principal, and Four of the Professors of that College, objected to the Assembly's receiving the said

said Application, in respect the Subscribers thereto are the Minority of the Members of the said College; and after hearing Parties, and reading the Minutes of Procedure of the said King's College, had upon the 27th of *April* last, where eight Members were present, Four (including the Principal) voted for applying to the Assembly, and Four against it, and that the Principal gave his casting Vote for it; The Assembly did sustain the said Application, and ordered it to be recorded, for the Purposes contained in the said Act of Parliament. *Ibid.*

A Petition of Mr. *Francis Robertson* Minister at *Clyne*, for an Order to reimburse him out of the Church's publick Money, of the Expence of a Process, carried on some Years ago, for his Stipend, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

A Petition of Mr. *John MacViccar*, Minister of the united Parishes of *Kildaltoun* and *Kilmeny*, in the Island of *Ilay*, craving, that an Act past in his Favours in the Year 1740, may be renewed, and that the Procurator and Agents for the Church be appointed, at the publick Charge, to carry on a Process already intented, for obtaining a legal Stipend to him and his Successors in Office, remitted to the Committee upon the Publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

An Accompt due to the deceast Mr. *John Walker*, late Minister in the *Canongate*, of Money advanced by him, to the Students of Divinity from *Lithuania*, and which his Representatives now claim, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

The Commission from the Burgh of *Burnt-Island* rejected, as not ageeable to the Acts of Assembly. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to determine in a Cause, brought by Appeal from a Sentence of the Synod of *Sutherland* and *Caithness*, depriving Mr. *Robert Munro* Probationer of his Licence, and ordering the Presbytery of *Tong* to be rebuked, for not observing an Act of the said Synod, anent licencing Probationers. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Synod-Book of *Glasgow* and *Ayr*. *May* 17th, *ante merid.* *Sess.* 7.

Heard a Petition of *John Vans* of *Barnbarroch* as Patron, and other Heritors, and others of the Parish of *Kirkcowan*, Callers of Mr. *John Hart* Probationer, to be Minister of that Parish, tabling certain Appeals from the Synod of *Galloway*, and another Petition of other Heritors, Elders and others, of the said Parish, Callers of Mr. *Robert Hunter* Probationer, to be their Minister, and affirmed the Sentence of the Synod of *Galloway*, in so far only as it affirms the Sentence of the Presbytery of *Wigtoun*, sustaining the Call of the Heritors, Elders, and others of the Parish of *Kirkcowan*, to the said Mr. *Robert Hunter* to be

their Miniſter, and the Aſſembly appointed the ſaid Presbytery to proceed to his Tryals and Settlement, as Miniſter of *Kirkcowan*, according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee, about the Scheme for Miniſters Widows, read over, and the firſt Part thereof, with reſpect to the General Collector's being bound annually, at any Time 'twixt *Candlemaſs* and *Whitſunday*, to exhibite to the Truſtees, when called upon ſo to do, a particular Accompt of the Sums that has come into his Hands; and ſhall lend out the ſame (after reſerving ſufficiency for Payment of the annual Expence) to the Contributers to the Scheme, by Direction of the Truſtees, in the Order to be fixed by the General Aſſembly, agreeed to. The 2*d* Paragraph of the ſaid Report read, and the Scroll of a Bond to be granted by the Miniſters and Profeſſors, for the Loan of 30 *l.* each, approved of; the Scroll of the Bond to be granted by the Collector to be choſen by the Aſſembly, remitted to the Lord Advocate to peruſe the ſame, and make ſome proper Ammendments thereupon, to be reported To-morrow, before chuſing the Collector. The 3*d* Paragraph of ſaid Report, with the Draught of an Act anent Presbyteries keeping a ſeparate Record, in which everyMiniſter of a Presbytery, who ſhall be a Contributer to the Scheme, ſhall enter the Names and Ages of his Children under 16 Years, and alſo the Births and Deaths of his Children, *&c.* read and approved of. A Recommendation by this General Aſſembly, to the ſeveral Univerſities, to keep the like ſeparate Record in their reſpective Colleges. The 4*th* Paraghraph of the ſaid Report, touching the Commencement of the Collector's Salary, at the Date of his Election, and that the ſame be 155 *l.* yearly, approved; in reſpect the Collector by his Bond is obliged to make effectual all the annual and other Rates, and take his Riſque of Deficients. The 5*th* Paragraph, as to the Order in which Miniſters and Profeſſors are to receive the Loan of 30 *l.* agreed to, as follows, *viz.*

1. The Synod of *Lothian*, beginning with the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, and Univerſity there, and, next to theſe, the other Presbyteries, in the following Order, *viz.* the Presbyteries of *Linlithgow*, *Biggar*, *Peebes*, *Dalkeith*, *Haddington*, and laſtly, *Dunbar*.
2. In the Synod of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, the Presbyteries of *Dunſe*, *Chirnſide*, *Kelſo*, *Jedburgh*, *Earlſton* and *Selkirk*.
3. In the Synod of *Dumfries*, the Presbyteries of *Annan*, *Langholm*, *Lochmaben*, *Penpont*, and *Dumfries*.
4. In the Synod of *Galloway*, the Presbyteries of *Kirkcudbright*, *Wigton*, and *Stranrawer*.
5. In the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Air*, the Presbyteries of *Glaſgow*

Glaſgow and Univerſity there; then the Presbyteries of *Air*, *Irvine*, *Paiſley*, *Hamilton*, *Lanerk* and *Dunbarton*.

6. In the Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling*, the Presbyteries of *Dunkeld*, *Perth*, *Stirling*, *Auchterarder* and *Dunblane*.

7. In the Synod of *Fife*, the Presbyteries of *St. Andrews* and Univerſity there; and, next to theſe, the Presbyteries of *Coupar*, *Kirkcaldy* and *Dumfermline*.

8. In the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, the Presbyteries of *Meigle*, *Forfar*, *Dundee*, *Aberbrothock*, *Brichen* and *Fordoun*.

9. In the Synod of *Aberdeen*, beginning with the Presbytery of *Aberdeen*, and, next to it, the Univerſity there; and then the Presbyteries of *Kincardinoniel*, *Alford*, *Ellon*, *Garioch*, *Deer*, *Turreff* and *Fordice*.

10. In the Synod of *Murray*, the Presbyteries of *Strathbogie*, *Aberlour*, *Abernethy*, *Elgine*, *Forreſs* and *Inverneſs*.

11. In the Synod of *Roſs*, the Presbyteries of *Chanonry*, *Taine* and *Dingwal*.

12. In the Synod of *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*, the Preſbyteries of *Dornoch*, *Tong* and *Caithneſs*.

13. In the Synod of *Argyle*, the Presbyteries of *Dunoon*, *Kintyre*, *Inverary*, *Lorn* and *Mull*.

14. In the Synod of *Glenelg*, the Presbyteries of *Abertarph*, *Gairloch*, *Sky*, *Lewis* and *Viſt*.

15. In the Synod of *Orknay*, the Presbyteries of *Kirkwal*, *Cairſton* and *North Iſles*, and laſtly the Presbytery of *Zetland*. And the Aſſembly directs, That, in diſtributing the Sums of 30 *l.* in the above Order, the Collector do begin with the youngeſt, or laſt admitted Miniſter, or Member in the Presbyteries or Univerſities; and that if any Presbytery or Univerſity, who ſhall in any one Year have received the 30 *l.* there ſhould happen a Vacancy, the ſaid Sum is to be given to ſuch Miniſter or Profeſſor as ſhall be admitted to ſupply the ſaid Vacancy, the firſt Year immediately ſucceeding his ſaid Admiſſion.

The Names of the Candidates for the Office of Collector-General, with their reſpective Bails, read, and ordered to lye upon the Table.

The Sum of 500 *l.* laid out by the Commiſſioners ſent to *London* to ſollicite the Application for the Act of Parliament, (including their perſonal Charges) declared to be a Debt upon the Church's publick Fund, and an Order made for Payment thereof, with Intereſt from *Candlemas* laſt, to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or their Order, as Money comes in. *Ibid.*

The Opinion of the foreſaid Committee, That the Truſtees appointed by the ſaid Act of Parliament have not Power to receive Mr. *James Glaſgow*, Miniſter in the Caſtle of *Edinburgh*, as a Contributor to the Scheme, agreed to. *Ibid.*

I N D E X.

An Appeal of the Presbytery of *Glaſgow*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Air*, taking out of their Hands, a Proceſs about to be intented before them, containing their Remarks upon a Sermon publiſhed by Mr. *William Leechman*, Profeſſor of Divinity in the College of *Glaſgow*, entitled, *The Nature, Reaſonableneſs, and Advantage of Prayer*, heard, with his Anſwers to theſe Remarks; and a Complaint by him to the Synod againſt the Presbytery, and a Committee named to conſider what is proper for the Aſſembly to do in the Cauſe, with Power to call Parties and conſer with them. *May* 17th, *poſt merid. Seſſ.* 8.

A Committee appointed to reviſe the Synod-book of *Dumfries*. *May* 18th, *ante merid. Seſſ.* 9.

Report of the Viſitors of the Commiſſion-book brought in, and the ſaid Book atteſted. *Ibid.*

The Commiſſion thanked for their Faithfulneſs in the Affairs committed to them. *Ibid.*

Several Cauſes referred by the late Aſſembly to the ſaid Commiſſion, and not diſcuſſed by them, referred to the Commiſſion to be named by this Aſſembly, *viz.* a Petition of Mr. *John MacLeod* Miniſter of *Duirneſs*; an Appeal of *Quintin Dick* of *Lochſponts*; an Appeal of *John MacTaggart* from the Synod of *Glaſgow*; an Appeal of *David MacMurtree* from the Synod of *Dumfries*; an Appeal of *Gilbert MacGhie* from the Synod of *Lothian*; and an Appeal from the Synod of *Murray* by Mr. *Andrew Henderſon*. Ibid.

A Claim of Mr. *Archibald Bannatyne* Miniſter at *Dores*, for Reimburſement of ſome Expences laid out by him in the Proceſs for his Stipend, which was appointed by former Aſſemblies to be defrayed out of the Church's publick Money, referred to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

A Report and Opinion brought in from the Committee for Overtures, as to certain Particulars which were laid before them, from the Inſtructions of Presbyteries and Synods, read, and ordered to lye upon the Table. And

A Committee appointed to conſider Repreſentations concerning the State of Popery in the North, particularly in the Bounds of the Presbytery of *Dingwal*. Ibid.

The Commiſſion is inſtructed finally to determine in any Reference or Appeal, that ſhall be regularly brought before them, about planting of the preſent Vacancy in the Town of *Dundee*, ſo as not to paſs by the Synod of the Bounds, in caſe a Meeting thereof interveen. *Ibid.*

The Draught of a Bond to be granted by the Perſon to be choſen Collector, of the Fund for a Proviſion to the Miniſters Widows, agreed to; and three of the Gentlemen propoſed for

for that Office, having desired to withdraw their Names as Candidates, the Assembly did nominate and elect Mr. *James Stewart*, Attorney in Exchequer, to be Collector-General, or Receiver of the annual and other Rates payable by the Ministers and Professors respectively, for the Purposes, and with the Powers mentioned in the Act of Parliament. *Ibid.*

A Collection made in the Assembly-house for Relief of indigent Widows and Children of Ministers, and the Committee to be named for revising the Minutes of this Assembly, appointed to distribute the same. *Ibid.*

Act approving of the Choice, made by the Trustees, mentioned in the said Act of Parliament, of *Robert MacIntosh*, Sub-Clerk to the General Assembly, as their Clerk. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to meet with the Trustees appointed by the foresaid Act of Parliament, to receive the Collector's Bail-Bond. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to meet with the Managers of the *Decima* of Stipends, contributed in the Bounds of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, for Support of Ministers Widows and Orphans, pursuant to the Act of Assembly made *Anno* 1718, and advise them with respect to the Disposal of that Fund. *May* 18th, *post merid. Sess.* 10.

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The Sentence of the Synod of *Aberdeen*, sustaining the Call of the Parish of *Rain* to Mr. *John Mair*, Minister at *Forbes*, to be their Minister, affirmed; and the Presbytery of *Garrioch* appointed to proceed in all the proper Steps towards his Transportation and Settlement, as Minister of the said Parish of *Rain*. Ibid.

A Motion being made, that the General Assembly 1742 had appointed a Committee to paraphrase or translate into Verse, Passages of Sacred Writ, or receive in Performances of that Kind, from any that might offer them; which Committee had made no Report, and therefore that the said Appointment be renewed, is agreed to, and the Moderator, with these named by the Assembly 1742, together with others nominated by this Assembly, appointed as a Committee for that Purpose, and to report to the next Assembly, and to meet in the Society-Hall at rising of this Assembly, and upon the *Tuesday* before each quarterly Meeting of the Commission, with Power to adjourn, and any three of them to proceed. *Ibid.*

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The Report of the Committee that examined the Accompts of the Procurator and Agents, and Printers for the Church, brought in, and the Accompts ordered to lye on the Table. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for Overtures brought in, reciting an Inſtruction from a Presbytery, touching ſome Aſperſions caſt upon this Church, as if ſhe had given up with all the fundamental Doctrines of Chriſtianity, and therefore propoſing that certain Acts of Aſſembly againſt the Marrow of Modern Divinity, and with reſpect to Profeſſors *Simpſon* and *Campbel*, and the 7th Act of Aſſembly 1736, about the Method of preaching, be printed: And the Aſſembly recommended to the ſeveral Seſſions to buy the Acts of Aſſembly, and read ſuch of them as are of publick Concern in their Meetings of Seſſion. *Ibid.*

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Recommendation to Presbyteries, for Time to come, to take Care that all Commiſſions be in due Form according to the Acts of Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to all Miniſters of this Church to diſcourage, ſo far as in them lies, the Practice of Smuggling. *Ibid.*

The Appeal of the Lord *Salton*, and others, of the Pariſh of *Pitſligo*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Aberdeen*, appointing the Presbytery of *Deer* to proceed to the Settlement of Mr. *William Innes*, as Colleague, and Succeſſor, to Mr. *William Mercer* at *Pitſligo*, heard, and the ſaid Sentence reverſed. *Ibid.*

The Appeal of his Grace the Duke of *Dowglas*, Patron of the Pariſh of *Roberton*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Lanerk*, refuſing to proceed to the Trials and Settlement of Mr. *William Nimmo* Probationer, to be Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Roberton*, heard; and finding that the *jus devolutum* of

of ſettling the ſaid Pariſh, did fall in the Hands of the Presbytery there; the Patron having failed to preſent a qualified Perſon, duly accepting, within ſix Months of the Vacancy, therefore the ſaid Sentences of the Synod and Presbytery are affirm'd, and the Presbytery appointed to proceed to the Settlement of the ſaid Pariſh, according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

His Grace the Commiſſioner thanked for the Diſpatch given by him, in ſending the Aſſembly's Anſwer to the King's moſt gracious Letter, to the Marquiſs of *Tweeddale*, who has acquainted his Grace, and the Moderator, that the ſame was received, and read, by his Majeſty himſelf, and a Letter of Thanks appointed to be wrote to the Marquiſs, for his Favour, in ſo timeouſly preſenting ſaid Anſwer to the King. *May* 21. *ante merid. Seſſ.* 12.

A Liſt of Perſons in the ſeveral Synods brought in, and appointed as a Committee to draw the Commiſſion and Inſtructions, and name the Members of the Commiſſion of Aſſembly for this Year. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Addreſs to the King brought in, and approved, and the Lord Commiſſioner undertakes to tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee appointed to meet with the Truſtees for managing the Widows Scheme, brought in, bearing their having taken the Bond of Mr. *James Stewart* Collector General of the Fund, and the Cautioners, which the ſaid Truſtees had ſuſtained, as ſufficient Sureties for the Diſcharge of his Office; which Bond is regiſtrate in the Books of Council and Seſſion. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee appointed to conſider what may be proper for the Aſſembly to do, in the Affair of Profeſſor *Leechman*, brought in, and approved, with ſome Ammendments. *Ibid,*

An Appeal of *John Robertſon* of *Boghall*, and other Elders of the Pariſh of *Badernock*, from the Sentence of the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Dumbarton*, refuſing to receive an Accuſation, by the Kirk-Seſſion of *Badernock*, againſt Mr. *John Colquhoun* Probationer, then on Trials before the Presbytery, in regard it was not offered in Form of a Libel againſt him, heard; as alſo a Petition of Heritors of that Pariſh, complaining of the Presbytery, for not proceeding to Mr. *Colquhoun*'s Settlement at *Badernock*, and the ſaid Sentence of the Synod affirmed; and the Presbytery of *Dumbarton* appointed to proceed to Mr. *Colquhoun*'s Settlement, as Miniſter of *Badernock*, according to the Rules of this Church; and his Edict appointed to be returend

turned to the Presbytery fifteen free Days before the Day to be fixed for his Ordination and Admiſſion. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion, to determine in any Reference, Appeal, or Complaint, that may be brought before them, from the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*, or Presbytery of *Dumbarton*, in relation to the Settlement of Mr. *Colquhoun* as Miniſter of *Badernock*. Ibid.

An Appeal of Heritors, Elders, and Heads of Families, of the Pariſh of *Parton*, Callers of Mr. *John Crockat* Probationer, to be their Miniſter, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Galloway*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, ſuſtaining a notorial Call, by others of that Pariſh, to Mr. *William Clerk* Probationer, to be their Miniſter, referred to the Commiſſion. *May* 21. *poſt merid. Seſſ. ult.*

An Overture anent irregular Marriages brought in, and referred to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

A Letter from *John Cunningham* of *Enterkine*, with a Petition, which was preſented to the Committee for Bills, and refuſed to be tranſmitted by them, rejected. *Ibid.*

A Petition of the Presbytery of *Alford*, craving an Order on the Procurator and Agents for the Church, to ſupport a Decree of the ſaid Presbytery, in Favours of the School-maſter of *Tillineſle*, for his Salary, referred to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

A Petition of *William Clark* Writer in *Dumfries*, Appellant, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Dumfries*, refuſing to abſoilzie him from the Scandal of Fornication he is charged with, referred to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

A Petition of *Francis Riddel*, in Pariſh of *Shots*, Appellant, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Hamilton*, finding him guilty of the Scandal of Fornication, with *Elizabeth Long*, referred to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

A Petition of the Printers to the Church, complaining, That of 500 Copies of the Acts of Aſſembly, printed yearly, for 20 Years paſt, ſcarce one half of them are diſpoſed of, referred to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

Act approving the Accompts of Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, his Intromiſſions with his Majeſty's Allowance, for defraying the publick Charges of the Church, for the Terms of *Michaelmas*, and *Chriſtmas*, 1742, and *Lady-day*, and *Mid-ſummer*, 1743, and diſcharging him and his Cautioner thereof, excepting a Ballance of 37 *l.* 10 *s.* 5½ *d. Sterl.* in his Hands, which he is to be charged with in his next Accompt. *Ibid.*

Act approving the Accompts of *Robert MacIntoſh*, Agent for the Church, and Sub-clerk to the General Aſſembly, and appointing a Balance of 1 *l.* 15 *s.* 10 *d.* ſtill remaining due by the

the Repreſentatives of the deceaſed *Nicol Spence* to be charged on him in his next Accompt. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for examining the Accompts of *John Baillie*, Conjunct Agent for the Church, read; and ſome Inacuracy being obſerved therein, it is remitted to the Committee to meet again and give a more diſtinct Report to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

Overture, That it be an Inſtruction to future Committees not to recommend carrying on any Proceſſes at the publick Charge, until they conſider the Nature and Grounds of the Proceſs, and adviſe the ſame with the Procurator, or any other Lawier that ſhall ſit in the Committee, agreed to. *Ibid.*

The Procurator and Agents for the Church appointed to carry on the needful Proceſſes at the publick Charge, for obtaining a legal Stipend to the Miniſter of the united Pariſhes of *Tarland* and *Migvie*, and the Sum of 10 *l. Sterl.* allowed towards defraying the Expence of ſuch Proceſſes betwixt and next Aſſembly, and if more be neceſſary, it be added. *Ibid.*

The former Orders on the Procurator and Agents for the Church, for carrying on a Proceſs of Augmentation of a Stipend to the Miniſter of *Kildaltoun* in *Iſlay* renewed. *Ibid.*

Order for Payment of the *Viaticums* to the Commiſſioners from the Presbyteries of *Abertarph* and *Mull.* Ibid.

The former Orders on the Procurator and Agent for the Church, for giving Aſſiſtance to the Presbytery of *Tain*, in obtaining a new Church in the Pariſh of *Fearn*, renewed. *Ibid.*

A Petition of Mr. *Francis Robertſon*, Miniſter at *Clyne*, praying for an Order to reimburſe him out of the Church's publick Money, of the Expence of a Proceſs, carried on ſome Years ago, for his Stipend, refuſed. *Ibid.*

The Sum of Five Pounds *Sterl.* allowed to be paid to Mr. *Archibald Banatyne*, Miniſter at *Dores*, in full of all his Demands. *Ibid.*

A Ballance of 12 *l. Sterl.* due to the Repreſentatives of the deceaſed Mr. *John Walker*, late Miniſter of *Canongate* of Money advanced by him, to the Students in Divinity from *Lithuania*, appointed to be paid out of the publick Money. *Ibid.*

Order for Payment of an Accompt due to the Printers of the Church, amounting to 57 *l.* 4 *s.* 4 *d. Ibid.*

Order for Payment of an Accompt of *John Traill* Stationer, amounting to 7 *l.* 15 *ſh. Sterl. Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee appointed to reviſe the Regiſter of the Commitee for managing the Royal Bounty, read, containing their Opinion, That the Caſhier give in to the Committee, a Liſt of Arrears due to the Miſſionaries, and that he be diſcharged to pay ſuch Arrears not counted for, for two Years preceeding *Nov.* 1743. That the Savings by ſaid Arrears, with

with the Sum granted by his Majeſty this Year, be appropriated for Miſſionaries Sallaries, from *Nov.* next, to *Nov.* 1745. That the Caſhier give in annually a Liſt of Arrears as above, alongſt with his Accompts. That the monthly *Quorum* of the Committee be reſtricted to 5 Members, whereof 3 to be Miniſters; and the Aſſembly approved of the ſaid Report, and ordered their Regiſter to be atteſted in the uſual Form. *Ibid.*

The Draught of a Commiſſion to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty brought in and approved of. *Ibid.*

A Recommendation to Presbyteries, who apply for any Part of the Royal Bounty, to ſend up diſtinct Accounts of the Extent, Circumſtances, and Number of Papiſts in their reſpective Pariſhes. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commiſſion, and drawing Inſtructions to them, brought in and proven. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion, to receive, cognoſce, and finally determine, in any Queſtion that may be brought before them, from the Synod of *Dumfries*, relating to the Settlement of the Pariſh of Moffat. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Aberdeen*, *Murray*, *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, *Dumfries*, *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Fife*, and *Angus*, and *Mearns*, is atteſted, with a Reſervation as to the Synod of *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*, their Proceedings, in depriving Mr. *Robert Monro* Probationer of his Licence, concerning which there is an Appeal to the Aſſembly, and referred to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

The Moderator appointed to ſign a Copy of the Records of the General Aſſembly 1735, and 1736, whereof the now deceaſed Mr. *Alexander Anderſon*, and Mr. *Lauchlan Mac Intoſh*, were Moderators.

The Synod Books of *Glenelg*, *Orknay*, *Argyle*, *Roſs*, and *Galloway*, and the Presbytery Book of *Zetland*, not being brought up to this Aſſembly, are appointed to be produced, to be reviſed by the next General Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Liſts of Probationers in the Bounds of 31 Presbyteries produced, amounting to the Number of 135, and ordered to be recorded. There being 45 Presbyteries, that omitted to ſend up the Names of their Probationers, and one Presbytery that reported, they had no Probationers in their Bounds: And ordered that Letters be write to deficient Presbyteries to ſend up Liſts to next Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Proteſtation admitted at the Inſtance of the Presbytery of *Dumbartoun*, againſt Mr. *Robert Yates* late Miniſter at *Old-Kilpatrick*, for not inſiſting in his Appeal, from a Sentence of the ſaid Presbytery, depoſing him from the Office of the holy Miniſtry, and the ſaid Appeal declared to be void and null. *Ibid.*

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Proteſtation admitted at the Inſtance of the Synod of *Dumfries*, againſt *James Grierſon*, Appellant from their Sentence. *Ibid.*

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The Moderator's Speech to the Aſſembly, and to his Majeſty's Commiſſioner. *Ibid.*

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